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Carl Schwab
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Re: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
EPA ID Number: CA4890008986

Dear Mr. Schwab:

We have reviewed the following documents for the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL), dated February 2001:

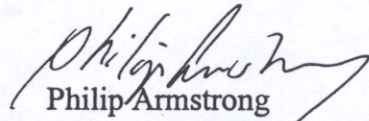
1. Draft Soil, Sediment, and Surface Water Sampling Plan for Tritium for LBNL;
2. Quality Assurance Project Plan for Tritium Sampling for LBNL; and
3. Data Verification and Validation Plan for the Tritium Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) for LBNL

Based on our review, these revised documents adequately address previous EPA comments made in our September 14, 2000 letter regarding the draft Data Verification and Verification Plan for the Tritium SAP for LBNL (April 14, 2000) and our August 25, 1999 letter on the draft Tritium SAP (May 1999).

We understand you are revising and will be sending to us the revised SAP for air sampling, and you will be looking at how to best address groundwater sampling. In addition, as you may recall, EPA will be analyzing split samples for 10 percent of the total samples collected in each of the media. Please contact us before you begin sampling so we can arrange for the necessary coordination. In addition, please forward a copy of your Health and Safety Plan to me so that we can ensure onsite EPA staff comply with LBNL requirements.

Should you have any questions pertaining to our comments, please contact me at (415)744-2349.

Sincerely,



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